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- 25X1 1. A high official [redacted] in a recent
25X1 discussion of the international situation [redacted] stressed the fact
25X1 that although the industrial production of the USSR was less than that of
the United States, the USSR had a large reserve of manpower for military
purposes. Furthermore, the element of surprise favored the USSR because
the Americans and British were inexperienced in the use of ruses and in
"bad faith" and this fact was more than a small handicap for them. The
atomic bomb, he declared, was a decisive "military" weapon, but there were
in France and Italy sufficient Communists to paralyze the vital centers of
those nations at "H hour". These Communist Parties are more than a Fifth
Column; as a destructive force they rank with an atomic explosion.
- 25X1 2. According to this official, the Americans are now studying a business that
25X1 the Russians "know by heart". As an example of their "naivete" (this
25X1 official apparently uses the term "American" for both North and South
25X1 Americans) he cited the case of the [redacted] Legation in Bucharest. This
25X1 Legation employed a Rumanian who unsuccessfully attempted to flee the
25X1 country clandestinely. He was caught, imprisoned and forced to become an
25X1 agent of the Rumanian State Security, after which he was rehired [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] accepted without question his "vague
25X1 explanations" as to what had happened. The Russians and Rumanians, the
official declared, would never commit such an error.
3. The Soviets have never "pardoned" any Soviet citizen who was taken prisoner
by the Germans. All liberated prisoners were sent deep into the USSR for
"reeducation". Likewise, the Soviet aviator who was recently compelled under
threat of death by his passengers to land in Yugoslavia had no desire to
return, not because he was guilty of any crime but simply because he would
have been shot.
4. The "more honest Communists" will never pardon the slightest gesture of
admiration toward an adversary, even though an individual guilty of such an
act demonstrates throughout his life the greatest fidelity to the Party.
Even the slightest deviation from this principle of the Party cannot be
compensated for by any amount of sacrifices for the Party.

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